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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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~~The present invention provides a~~ A blower that improves the  
~~with improved P-Q characteristic and provides a~~ reduces noise. The  
~~is a blower that sucks~~ reduction in noise by sucking air inside  
through slits (6) provided in an annular wall (2), wherein the  
blade thickness near a blade end s is progressively reduced toward  
the front end, and the location F of the maximum thickness  
gradually moves back toward a blade trailing edge side u2 so as to  
make the blade advance angle near the front end larger than in  
other locations. In addition, the width of a slit is made wider in  
sections near a spacer than in other sections. Alternatively,  
notches are provided in the outer perimeter of annular plates near  
the spacers so as to reduce the radial length of the annular  
plates. This arrangement improves the P-Q characteristic and  
reduces noise.